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SUBJECT: ECA -- CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON WORLD POPULATION CON-
FERENCE: USDEL MEETING WITH EXECSEC GARDINER

1. ALLEN AND MARSHALL, ACCOMPANIED BY DUNCAN, ECONOMIC COUSELOR, HELD VERY SATISFACTORY MEETING WITH ECA EXECSEC GARDINER, MAY 15. GARDINER BEGAN BY THANKING USDEL FIRST FOR COMING, SINCE IT DEMONSTRATES SERIOUS US INTEREST IN AFRICA'S PROBLEM AND SECOND FOR ACCEPTING DECISION OF AFRICAN REPS THT REMAINING SESSIONS SHOULD BE CLOSED, SINCE THAT SHOWS RESPECT FOR THEIR WISHES. HE FELT BOTH GESTURES IMPORTANT. USDEL MADE CLEAR ITS DESIRE TO LISTEN AND ITS OBJECTIVE UNDERSTAND AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND POSITIONS.

2. GARDINER ENCOURAGED AT GROWING AFRICAN AWARENESS THEIR POPULATION PROBLEMS. AS COUNTRIES GRAPPLE WITH EFFORTS PROVIDE FOOD, PROMOTE ECONOMY, FIND JOBS, SCHOOLS, ETC., BOTH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC BEGINNING TO SEE THEIR EFFORTS THWARTED BY CLIMBING BIRTH RATES. HE STRESSED WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS NECESSITY TO AT LEAST BRING GNP GROWTH RATE INTO LINE WITH BIRTH RATE. WHILE AFRICANS HAVE GONE APPRECIABLE WAY IN THEIR THINKING, THAT SOME MISCONCEPTIONS STILL PERSIST IS SHOWN BY REPORTED GABON COMMENT AT MAY 14 SESSION THAT PROPOSALS FOR FAMILY PLANNING STEM
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FROM DESIRE TO ELIMINATE BLACKS -- A COMMENT WHICH CARRILLO FLORES

EFFECTIVELY ANSWERED. THIS INCREASING AWARENESS OF NEED TO COPE WITH POP GROWTH CANNOT BE RUSHED FROM OUTSIDE, GARDINER STRESSED, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AT ITS OWN ACCELARATING PACE.

3. IN RESPONSE USDEL QUESTION AS HOW FUTURE ROLE ECA IN POP MATTERS MIGHT BE PROMOTED, GARDINER EXPRESSED VIEW IT BETTER LET THIS DEVELOP AT BUCHAREST AND THEN ECA CAN INITIATE POSSIBLE WORKABLE PROPOSALS. USDEL INDICATED THAT US SUPPORTIVE OF APPROPRIATELY ACTIVE ROLE FOR ALL REGIONAL COMMISSIONS IN POP MATTERS. GARDINER OFFERED HIS CONTINUED COOPERATION AND AGREED PROVIDE USG DRAFT REPORT OF MEETING ASAP.
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